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Dear Air Cleaner Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

EPA welcomes your input on the following Draft 1 (Version 1.0) specification for ENERGY STAR[®] qualified Room Air Cleaners. This eight-page document represents EPA's Draft proposal for the product criteria and testing procedure that manufacturers will need to abide by in order to qualify their products as ENERGY STAR.

While reviewing the Draft 1 specification, please keep in mind that the primary objective of ENERGY STAR is to make it easy for buyers to identify the most energy-efficient products in the marketplace while encouraging the design and manufacturing of room air cleaner products that maximize energy savings without compromising product performance. It is not EPA's intention to design a specification that will allow every model to qualify. Typically, when EPA sets a specification, its intent is to initially recognize approximately 25% of the top performers in the market. Based on product performance data provided by air cleaner manufacturers and other industry sources, EPA believes that this Draft 1 specification recognizes approximately 25 percent of the products currently offered in the marketplace. For products that do not initially meet this specification version, it is EPA's hope that manufacturers will strive to comply over time, thus leading to more energy-efficient product choices.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. **All stakeholders are encouraged to review the Draft 1 specification and provide comments by August 15, 2003.** Written comments may be sent via regular mail or email to Milanga Abeysuriya, ICF Consulting, at 1725 Eye Street, Suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20006 or mabeysuriya@icfconsulting.com.

EPA will review and consider all stakeholder comments during this product development process. Comments will be posted on the ENERGY STAR Web site for review, unless the submitter indicates otherwise. If you support/concur with the Draft 1 (Version 1.0) specification, or do not wish to comment, please state this in writing. It is equally important that EPA understands which portions of the draft specification meet with industry approval, in addition to identifying the sections that may need further revision and/or explanation.

In the coming months, EPA will gather stakeholder feedback on this Draft 1 specification and issue additional draft documents, as necessary. It is EPA's intention to finalize the product specification over the next couple of months. The final specification will be issued in the ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement format required to be signed by interested room air cleaner manufacturers and EPA. The Partnership Agreement provides other requirements such

as partner commitments, logo use guidelines, and a Qualified Product Information (QPI) Form for reporting products that earn the ENERGY STAR.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review the enclosed Draft 1 (Version 1.0) specification. For more information about ENERGY STAR, please visit our Web site at www.energystar.gov. To track the progress of the ENERGY STAR Room Air Cleaner specification development, click on “New Specifications in Development” located on the Products in Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment. I look forward to working with you during the next several months. Thank you for your continued interest and support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fanara', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Fanara, US EPA
ENERGY STAR Product Development